

# The Madison College Foundation Bulletin

*Quarterly Newsletter: Spring 2022*



Dear Friend,

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather.

I shared about the importance of financial assistance for our students at our Scholarship Breakfast at the end of April. For so many it not only helps pay for tuition and have some breathing room financially, but it also demonstrates that people believe in them and lends confidence to their studies. There are a few photos and the video of the program below.

This newsletter has two stories about recently established scholarships to honor two individuals, Dzigbodi Akyea and Ismael Sanchez. They both worked to make our community stronger and invested deeply in people. When they passed their respective communities wanted to honor them by continuing their work by investing in future generations. The fund honoring Dzigbodi Akyea has already been awarded to a black woman and will continue to in the future. The scholarship in memory of Ismael will be available for survivors of domestic violence. Many others have established funds and we are grateful for the opportunity to be a piece of students' journeys. We are grateful for the trust that loved ones show in the foundation and thankful for the impact for the students who receive this support.

We are grateful for those who support this important work.

Kindest regards,



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### **2022 Scholarship Awards Breakfast**

On Thursday, April 28th the Annual Scholarship Breakfast was held at Madison College's Truax Campus. The breakfast celebrated student scholarship recipients and donors. More than 100 individuals were in attendance. The program included remarks from scholarship recipients, College President, Dr. Jack E. Daniels, III and Foundation CEO, Tammy Thayer. [Click here to view a photo gallery and link to the recording.](#)

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### **Art Exhibit Honoring Longtime Academic Advisor**

Dzigbodi Akyea was a student advisor at Madison College for seventeen years, most recently in the liberal arts transfer program. A member of the Black Women Affinity Group, she helped the group set its mission and vision, and often expressed the wish to hold an art show in the gallery for Black History Month. Dzigbodi's aspiration was realized by the Black Women Affinity Group in her honor. The opening reception was in February, in time for Black History Month, and the reception helped collect scholarship



funds for Black liberal arts students.  
[Read more here.](#)

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### **Madison College Expands Dental Hygiene Program**

Additional graduates from the dental hygiene program ensure a strong dental workforce and a direct solution to the dental hygienist shortage in Wisconsin.



Ensuring a strong dental workforce is an important part of Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation's mission. The Foundation is proud to partner with Delta Dental through a grant which will expand the dental hygiene program, adding an additional four students per year. The increase to eight students total between first and second year and additional clinic resources directly supports the growing demand by student interest and, more importantly, the industry. [Read more here.](#)

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### **Madison College Leads a Community Conversation About Addressing Access to Childcare**

Access to high-quality, affordable childcare is a barrier for many in our community, and is a need we see among those who would like to pursue education at Madison College. Read about Madison College's role in the community conversation about childcare solutions. [Read more here.](#)





### **Longtime Faculty Member Dr. Todd Stebbins Honored Through Scholarship**

Over the course of a 22 year career at Madison College, Dr. Todd Stebbins has dedicated himself to supporting student success, the work of faculty, and advancing transfer opportunities. He helped orchestrate the creation of seven pre-majors in the Liberal Arts Transfer program, which changed the way students experience the LAT program to make clearer how to progress to transfer success. His leadership also led to the creation of the Honors Program which advances student undergraduate research across the college. Todd has led the creation of new and creative guaranteed transfer partnerships with 4-year universities and has been a key player in the expansion of the transfer mission across the Wisconsin Technical College System. [Read more here.](#)

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### **Scholarship Established to Support Survivors of Domestic Abuse**

Ismael Sanchez was an advocate for those who had experienced domestic violence and sexual assault, helping them reclaim their journeys. He was an advocate for the Latinx community in his personal and professional life. A group in the community has come together to continue his legacy through a scholarship at Madison College.

Madison College President Dr. Jack Daniels said at the scholarship launch, "This scholarship addresses a very important piece of this work as finances are often a critical block to victims leaving their abusers and reclaiming their lives."



Watch [some of the press release here](#), and learn more [about the scholarship here](#).

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## Campus COVID Update



Face coverings are optional on all Madison College campuses beginning March 14, 2022. Individuals choosing to wear a face covering may continue to do so in any and all settings. Please remain mindful and respectful of others' decisions regarding face covering usage. The safety of the Madison College community is our top priority. Be smart. Stay safe. [Read the full update here](#).

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## In the News...



**Associate deans Dr. Lisa Greenwood and Kevin Foley shared what the college is doing to help address the state's nursing shortage**



**Early Learning Campus Manager Donna Jost recently talked about the impact a \$3 million Workforce Innovation grant will have on the child care shortage**



**Agreement provides path for Madison College students to finish bachelor's degree online at UW-Madison**



**Cap Times story takes a closer look at the**



**Madison College students got a head**



**Student Health Educator Denise Holin**

**state's apprenticeship  
program as a solution  
to the labor shortage**

**start on Earth Day by  
cleaning up trash near  
Warner Park's  
Recreation Area**

**was interviewed about  
how the college is  
helping students with  
food insecurities  
caused by high prices**

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